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**Testimony
submitted to the
Judiciary Committee**

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**SB 1085 AN ACT CONCERNING THE LEGALIZATION OF THE RETAIL SALE AND POSSESSION
OF CANNABIS**

CABE opposes SB 1085, which provides for the legalization of recreational use of marijuana, because of the negative impact on children, the education and development. Marijuana use is currently a cause of significant child related issues. Barriers to marijuana use by children in Connecticut are being reduced as a consequence of business growth and legal changes. The risk to children's mental and physical wellbeing are not generally well understood, although the harmfulness of marijuana to children and youth is well researched and well documented. Many Connecticut school districts have commissioned or received grants through their RESC for survey reports of student substance use and related behavior over the past decade. Harmful marijuana use is prevalent already by school aged children in our communities.

We urge you to prioritize the wellbeing of children and reject SB 1085.

Thank you for your attention to this issue.